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Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

LAST Saturday a demonstration took place in Tel Aviv. It was not a very big one, as demonstrations go in Tel Aviv, and "Kol Ha'am," the organ of Maki (the Israel Communist Party) complained yesterday bitterly that it had been ignored by all the newspapers from *The Jerusalem Post* to "Al Hamishmar," that this was a "conspiracy of silence," a shameful betrayal and so forth. It is a challenge, and the demand is perhaps not altogether unjustified. But the story of this demonstration did not begin last weekend; to tell it one would have to go back, say, to the year 1940. Nazi Germany was all geared to occupy the whole of Europe, and the mass destruction of Jews had begun. At this time there was a party in this country which demanded "immediate peace" with Hitler; it wrote in its newspaper "that it is a crime to argue that this war is our war"; it charged the Jewish Agency, the Histadrut and all other parties with "supplying cannon fodder" for the war against Hitler; it argued that Hitler and Mussolini were not responsible for the war, but Chamberlain and Daladier; it demanded (in August 1940) the neutralization of Palestine in the war against Hitler; it urged in May, 1941, that soldiers fraternize with the Nazis, and not "murder workers and peasants of another nation."

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WELL, it is a long and fairly sordid story until we reach the nauseating farce of last Saturday when the same political party appeared as the only true patriotic force, when the "national heroes" who had called for sabotaging the fight against Hitler came out with the demand to declare war on... Adenauer. One cannot be sure whether they would not, on further reflection, prefer the "conspiracy of silence," which after all is only an act of charity. Common decency, or, in any case, elementary political caution, should induce them to make themselves as little heard and seen as only possible whenever Hitler and Nazism are mentioned in a public debate in this country. But no, this is not what they think.

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MIKUNIS, the party secretary, whose performance has been a creditable one on the whole over the years, has been found wanting of late: Whenever a political error could be committed, he has done it. The Kremlin decided to make peace with Tito, "Pravda" publishes laudatory articles, Saburov praises the Yugoslav leadership, everything is done to woo Belgrade. No, says Shmuel Mikunis, I know better. And he goes on to tell the comrades (according to "Kol Ha'am") that Titoism has been fought, and is being fought, and is being destroyed and that the Yugoslav traitors have been punished, and that they have ruined their country and so on and so forth. In Hungary and Bulgaria they are reinstating Titoists, and Shmuel Mikunis goes on to exterminate them in Rehov Eilat or wherever it is. Vyshinsky has died, and "Pravda" publishes a long obituary. But not a single word, mind you, on Vyshinsky's role as Stalin's Grand Guignol during the purges and trials of the 'thirties. Mikunis, as usual, knows better, and "Kol Ha'am" has to carry a long account of Vyshinsky unmasking the criminal traitors, the mad dogs and hyenas, the accursed vipers, the stinking heaps of human scum and so forth. Another serious case of grave lack of revolutionary watchfulness is the publication by the Party last month of a booklet containing long excerpts and quotations from the late Mr. Beria — of all authorities.

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MANY such examples could be given. Everywhere in the world Communist parties make an all-out effort to appear reasonable, moderate, sensible. Mikunis must have heard about it, but somehow or other he has not understood it or has been unable to adapt himself to the new line. Instead, he continues to send his henchmen and women with instructions to behave as if nothing had changed since the Prague trial: To provoke clashes here and there, to attack Mapam as often as possible, to stage the old hysterics in the Knesset ("facistization of Israel"), to be as intransigent and obdurate as possible. This simply will not do if the "peaceful co-existence" line is to continue. And Shmuel Mikunis will either have to mend his ways and go in for a fairly substantial amount of Bolshevik self-criticism, or we shall have to give him leave of absence, for health or study or whatever you can think of. Sorry, old man, but you have been warned. Your record of 1940 alone won't help you.

Jerusalem, December 7.

Drivers we meet
He neglected to signal
Then turned left
The crash that ensued was horrendous;
His car is a mess and as for him
The change in his face is tremendous!
Be careful — it pays ! !
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

China's Jailing of US Airmen on UN Agenda

NEW YORK, Monday (UP). — The U.N. General Assembly's Steering Committee today voted 10 to 2 over Soviet objections, to put on the Assembly's agenda the case of the 11 American airmen sentenced to imprisonment by China on spy charges.

In the debate the U.S. demanded that the U.N. act "promptly and with determination" to obtain their release. At the same time, Britain moved that the General Assembly begin debate on the issue not later than Wednesday, without referring it to a subsidiary committee for preliminary discussion.

Mr. Jacob Malik of Russia opposed U.N. discussion of the prisoners. He said that the facts of the case "leave no shadow of doubt that inclusion of this item in the agenda is wholly unwarranted." While 11 of the 13 Americans sentenced as spies wore military uniforms they all carried unquestionable evidence that they were on Chinese territory for espionage purposes, he declared.

Mr. John Cabot Lodge of the U.S. stated that he would introduce a map showing radar tracings to prove that the plane carrying the fliers was shot down on January 12, 1953, 24 kms. south of the Yalu River which forms the border between Korea and Manchuria.

Eden Says Peking Violates Armistice

LONDON, Monday (UP). — Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden today accused China of "direct violation" of the Korean armistice in imprisoning 11 American airmen.

His view on the case came in reply to Mr. John Baird (Labour) who asked in the Commons why instructions were given to British U.N. representatives to "condemn the Chinese Government because it punished U.S. spies." Sir Anthony said that he refused to accept the reference to "U.S. spies."

He added that it was "not allowable" to treat uniformed officers and men as spies or to imprison them after the war had ended.

Peking Radio broadcast that the apparatus for snatching an agent into a C-47 aircraft was part of a display of equipment captured from the American prisoners which opened today in Peking.

Criticism Levelled at Bill To Control Non-Profit Organizations

Closer control of non-profit organizations proposed in a draft Bill was presented to the Knesset last night by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, in place of Mr. Rokach the Minister of Interior, who is indisposed. The proposals were most unfavourably received by lawyers from all sections of the hall, including Mapai, and they are likely to undergo considerable amendment before they come up again for a second reading.

The Bill, which introduces a newly-coined Hebrew word for these associations—amutot—devised by the late Mr. David Remez, will require all non-profit associations to register with the Registrar of Associations, who will be authorized to refuse registrations if their purpose is "unlawful, not in accordance with public morality, or endangers the security of the state or of the public."

An association already operating could, under the Bill, be dissolved by the Registrar for a variety of reasons, including failure to begin operations within two years of its establishment and operations in a field other than that for which it was formed.

Registered associations would be required to keep proper books, and to present these regularly to the General Meeting, and the Registrar would be entitled to require any particular association to submit its books to a chartered accountant for inspection.

As the proposal stands, political parties would have to register as associations, and permission could be refused by the Minister of the Interior for new parties. Political parties are, however, explicitly exempt from the provision empowering the Registrar to dissolve associations forcibly.

The Bill would replace the present law, which was introduced in Palestine in 1909 as part of the Turkish code, and merely requires associations to notify the Registrar of their establishment in order to achieve the status of legal bodies entitled to own property and make contracts.

It is understood that the main purpose of the Bill is to enable some supervision to be maintained of the large number of "private" associations for various charitable and sometimes religious purposes, who are believed to canvass funds abroad for fraudulent purposes.

The Bill has 47 paragraphs in six sections and two appendices, one of which has 45 paragraphs.

Mr. D. Bar-Rav-Hai (Mapai), in one of the sharpest attacks on the Bill, said that the proposal was a typical case of a good intention being ruined by an unnecessarily complicated law.

There was no need for this elaborate machinery for the control of a few associations which did not operate properly. He was opposed to the political parties being included under the law, and required to receive permission for their establishment.

Mr. Rubin (Mapam), like Mr. Bader (Herut) before him, said he considered that the Young Turks had been considerably more liberal than the present government in their Associations Law. The terms of the present Bill were more dangerous to civil liberties even than the Security of the State Bill which the Government had vainly tried to pilot through the Knesset for so long and gave the Minister of Interior excessive power. Organizations should be banned only if they were actually against the law; would a religious Minister of the Interior perhaps fail to permit a Rabbit Breeders Union to register? How would the Mapam fare when it came to register?

Mr. B. Sassoon, (General Zionist), opposed the fact that this Bill would once more tend to increase the already inflated government administrative body, and without any real need.

Qualified support for the Bill came from Mr. H. Ariav (General Zionist), who also thought it was over-elaborate, from Mr. Y. Foerder (Progressive) who said that the present law had been greatly abused, and who wished to include a provision to prevent non-profit associations in large scale business ventures, and Mr. M. Chazani (Hapoel Hamizrahi).

Children's Evidence Bill Presented

A Bill to make it possible for children under 13 to give evidence privately, in cases of sex crimes, to a trained welfare worker or psychologist, and not in court, was presented by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, yesterday.

Mr. Rosen pointed out that it was generally considered that the ordeal of having to answer questions in connection with an assault was often profoundly harmful to a child, and could influence its entire future development. Even if a child was not questioned in open court, but in a plain room by lawyers and judges, this could cause much suffering. It was also believed that owing to the great suggestibility of young children they should not be subjected to cross-examination of the ordinary kind, as this was likely to detract from the value of their evidence.

Evidence would be taken from the child by a Youth Interrogator, who would be specially appointed for presentation in Court. Statements obtained by parents or guardians immediately after the incident would be admissible as corroborative evidence.

The law was generally welcomed, but Miss. R. Zabari, (Mapai), asked that the age limit should be raised to 14, and suggested that evidence on other crimes of violence involving the person, and not only on sex crimes, should be treated in the same way when children were involved.

She suggested, on the other hand, that children should also be subjected to examination by a psychologist before evidence, particularly of assault, was accepted, as it was known that some children have a pathological tendency to invent such tales; the evidence of parents was also in some such case suspect and libels were invented for purposes of extortion.

She wholly approved the intention of the Government to save children from unnecessary publicity in such matters, but doubted the good this would do while the press indulged in salacious stories and descriptions of such events which were avidly read by children.

Mr. B. Sassoon (General Zionist) asked that the rights of the accused should not be forgotten in the attempt to protect the child. Under the new law, neither the accused himself nor his representative were entitled to put any questions to the child except by permission of the Youth Interrogator. An atmosphere of general psychosis often surrounded assault cases, and it was important to prevent the possible victimization of innocent persons. He was supported by Mr. Rubin (Mapam).

Mr. E. Berman, (Communist), said he saw no purpose in this law while youth was neglected in other ways, and embarked on accusations in connection with the recent murder of a young boy in Rehovot by another youth, despite the attempts of the Deputy Speaker, Mr. S. Schaeffer, to get him to speak on the issue under consideration.

The debate will be continued today.

ISRAELI PRESIDES AT REFUGEE CONFERENCE

GENEVA, Monday (INA). — The fifth session of the U.N. Advisory Commission on Refugees opened today with the election of Mr. M. Kahany, of Israel, as President of the seven-day assembly.

Mr. Kahany was proposed by the French delegate, M. J. Serres, who said it was most fitting that the representative of Israel, "the country which had done so much for refugees," should be chosen for the post.

ROCK STOPS TRAIN

A large rock on the railway tracks near the disused Deir-e-Sheikh station halted a freight train on its way from Jerusalem to Hartuv early this morning. Workers called to the scene removed the rock, and the train proceeded on its way less than an hour afterwards.

Cyprus Bans Flight Of Burma Spitfires

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuter). — The authorities informed Nicosia airport today that no Spitfire fighters for Burma would be allowed to fly over their territory in future. The pilots of three planes which landed in Baghdad yesterday were ordered to discontinue their flight and return to Cyprus.

Airport officials said that the planes were sold to Burma by Israel, and as far as the latter is concerned, the transaction ended when the planes left for Cyprus.

Once in Cyprus, the planes, bearing the Burmese Air Force insignia, were taken over by a ferry company whose pilots began flying them to Burma. It was said that 10 Spitfires in two groups had already been flown out to Burma in this way.

A Baghdad report stated that the three Burmese Spitfires will be escorted to the western frontier by Iraqi fighters.

US, UK 'Differing' On M.E. Defence

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Efforts to create a northern sphere of defence in the Middle East have run afoul of Anglo-American differences, "The New York Times" reported from Ankara today.

Both Washington and London agree on the urgency of defences for the Middle Eastern oil fields and communications lines against the threat of a Soviet attack or subversion, the report stated. But they differ on how to achieve this objective. Their differences are hampering efforts to enlarge the Turco-Pakistani pact and are causing concern both to Turkish and Pakistani officials, it was said.

The British have long considered Western bases and other military facilities in the Middle East as the best guarantee for the regions. Britain is very concerned to retain her privileged military position in Jordan, Iraq and Libya, particularly after signing the Suez agreement, it was pointed out.

However, the U.S. considered the problem of bases as secondary. Instead it has concentrated on encouragement of a stronger Middle East to take the lead in creating a regional security system, the first result of which was the Turco-Pakistani pact, the report continued. Undertakings to furnish U.S. arms to Pakistan and Iraq and discussions on a similar arrangement with Egypt and Saudi Arabia were part of Washington's policy to stimulate defence initiative in the Middle East, according to the report.

Arab Foreign Ministers Bar Pact with West

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — Arab League representatives meeting here have reaffirmed their Government's intention not to join any Western military alliance, informed sources said today.

The Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and Jordan and other representatives of the League member states discussed Israel's drainage of part of the Jordan River.

The Jordan representative reportedly proposed raising the Jordan River problem at the U.N. Security Council, and urged the other Arab nations to help finance additional National Guardsmen at the Israel-Jordan frontier.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Musa el Shabandar stated today that his country is urging the other Arab states to allow Persia to become a member of their defence agreement. He said that it is essential for the Arab collective security pact to be extended to include Persia.

DAWN 'HANDLING'

DAMASCUS, Monday (UP). — Thousands of demonstrators defied government orders today and protested the Cairo sentences against members of the Moslem Brotherhood.

An official Cairo announcement today said the six Brotherhood members found guilty of plotting to overthrow the ruling junta will be hanged at dawn tomorrow in the military prison.

Egypt-Turkish Ties

Awad el Latif Bagdadi, Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs, will visit Turkey officially shortly, according to Radio Ramallah yesterday. This was viewed as another move in the recent activities to improve relations between Turkey and the Arab countries, and is seen as a reciprocation of the Istanbul Governor's visit to Cairo.

ESHKOL OFF TO U.S.

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, left today for a one-month visit to the U.S. where he will attend the United Jewish Appeal convention and will address Bond Drive meetings. He will also be present during the forthcoming celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Director-General in the Ministry of Finance, saw Mr. Eshkol off.

Trolley Kills Man

RAMLE, Monday. — A railway worker was killed and two others were seriously injured when their trolley overturned on the Lydda-Haifa railway line near Yehudia today. Mr. Leon Levi, 29, of Lydda, was fatally injured while Moshe Steinfeld, 34, of Salame, and M. Kamel, 46, of Lydda, were taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital.

The three workers were inspecting the line.

Egypt to Release Crew, Cargo Of Bat Galim; Ship's Fate Undecided

Free Canal Passage Only Solution—Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — The spokesman of the Israel Delegation to the U.N., commenting on the Egyptian letter to the Security Council promising the release of the Bat Galim crew, said, "The Egyptian seizure of the Bat Galim was a war-like act against Israel in violation of the Armistice Agreements, a breach of the Security Council decision of 1951, a contraversion of the Constantinople Convention of 1888 and of universally-accepted maritime practice. To crown it all, it was accompanied by a base libel that the crew of the Bat Galim had shot and killed Egyptian fishermen.

"The Egyptian Government has now announced its readiness to release the crew and cargo of the Bat Galim, thereby recognizing that the seizure of the vessel in the first place... was without cause or foundation.

"While we welcome the release of the crew from unlawful detention, it must be emphasized that this does not meet the case: the only solution which Israel can accept is unconditional release of the ship together with her crew and cargo so that she can complete her journey which Egypt had not the slightest right to interrupt in the first place. No other outcome would be compatible with international law and practice.

"There is, moreover, a clear necessity for the Security Council to reassert its general policy in favour of terminating all restrictions on free passage for ships of all nations, including Israel, through this international waterway."

EVADING ISSUE

The offer to release the crew and cargo of the Bat Galim will hardly meet the Israel claim which is for complete freedom of passage through the Suez Canal for all Israel-bound shipping including that flying the Israel flag, writes *The Jerusalem Post* diplomatic correspondent.

The present offer, timed as it is to coincide with the Security Council debate, is a patent attempt to evade the issue. The Bat Galim incident is only the most recent illustration of Egyptian interference with Israel shipping which prompted Israel to indicate that something definite must be done to put an end to Egyptian piracy in the Suez Canal Zone. This, and only this, is the point of the discussion at the Security Council.

Allen Confers With Jordanian Officials

Mr. George Allen, newly appointed U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, conferred yesterday in Amman with the Assistant Foreign Minister, Baha e-Din Toukan, according to Radio Ramallah last night.

Present at the talks were the British envoys to Jordan and Syria.

Later, Mr. Allen, who is en *route* to Washington from India to assume his new post, toured the Old City, Jericho, and refugee camps in the Jericho area, where he met the Defence Minister, Anwar Nuseibeh. At a press conference, he told reporters that he is collecting information on the Middle East situation before he succeeds Mr. Henry Byroade at the Near East desk.

Mr. Allen is due to arrive here today.

SHUCKBURGH CONFERS WITH COMMANDERS

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuter) — Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, Under-Secretary for Middle East Affairs, conferred here today with Gen. Sir Charles Keightley and Air Marshal Sir Claude Pelly, commanders of Middle East land and air forces, respectively.

Mr. Shuckburgh arrived here last night from Beirut, and is scheduled to leave for Turkey tomorrow.

TITO, NASSER TALKS

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Middle East defence will be the subject of the forthcoming talks between Yugoslav President Tito and Egyptian Premier Abdul Nasser, according to diplomatic quarters here today.

Sharett Tells Doctors Gov't Pay Proposals

The Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, yesterday detailed the Government's proposals regarding doctors' salaries to Dr. Z. Avigdori and Dr. A. Druyan who represented the Israel Medical Association. It is understood that the talk, which was brief, did not dwell on the Association's reaction to the Cabinet decision on loans to State doctors.

The Association spokesmen again submitted their claims for equalization of the salaries of Kupat Holim and government physicians. They told Mr. Sharett that the Cabinet resolution would be discussed by the Medical Association emergency committee in Tel Aviv tomorrow.

Before that meeting, no steps will be taken to intensify the "partial strike." It is feared, however, that the emergency committee will reject the Cabinet proposal and limit doctors' working hours to six daily. The seven-hour day has already caused great inconvenience in government hospitals.

Suez Issue at Security Council Today

UNITED NATIONS, Monday. — Egypt notified the Security Council today that she was ready to release the 10 crew members and the cargo of the Israel freighter, the Bat Galim, seized as it was about to go through the Suez Canal on September 28. The announcement was made in the form of a letter handed to this month's Council President, Dr. Charles Malik, of the Lebanon, by Egypt's acting chief delegate to the U.N., Omar Lutfi.

Recent View of Bat Galim

The letter said nothing regarding the fate of the 500-ton ship, which was en route to Haifa from Massawa with a cargo of meat, plywood and hides when it was seized.

It stated:

"With reference to the question now before the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you on my Government's behalf that the Egyptian judicial authorities have set aside, owing to insufficient evidence, the charges of murder, attempted murder, and unlawful carrying of weapons brought against the members of the crew of the Bat Galim.

"The seamen will be released as soon as the necessary formalities have been concluded.

..."The Egyptian Government is prepared to release the seized cargo immediately.

"I have the honour to request you to communicate this letter to all members of the Security Council."

The Council is scheduled to meet again on the Bat Galim issue tomorrow.

Cairo Statement

In Cairo, Brigadier Mahmoud Riad, Director of Arab Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, said that his Government has not decided the fate of the ship itself.

Gohar said that the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations had been instructed to request the Security Council to "drop" the Bat Galim case.

He said this was due to the "lack of sufficient evidence as the bodies of two Egyptian fishermen who are alleged to have been killed by the Israel crew in the Red Sea could not be found."

(INA, Reuter)

UK, Egypt Exchange Suez Ratification

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Britain and Egypt today exchanged instruments of ratification of the agreement for the evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone by British troops. The treaty, signed on October 19, provides for the withdrawal of the troops within 20 months.

Civilian technicians will maintain the base, and British troops will return in the event of any attack on the Middle East countries including Turkey.

Cairo Seeks Better Relations in Paris

PARIS, Monday (UP).—Premier Pierre Mendes-France met the Egyptian Ambassador and a special envoy of Premier Abdul Nasser today in talks that official circles said will improve relations between the two countries.

Col. Salout Okacha and Ambassador Mahmoud el-Falaki called on M. Mendes-France this morning, bearing with them a letter from the Egyptian Premier. Okacha, who is the regular Military Attache here, was recently charged with the mission of trying to ease the bad feeling over Cairo Radio broadcasts urging revolts in French North Africa. The broadcasts have been toned down.

Seven Syrian Seamen, Schooner Saved in Storm Off Haifa

HAIFA, Monday. — Seven Syrian seamen were saved from the sea today and were taken to safety in Haifa Port after they had abandoned their sinking vessel, a 140-ton schooner, four-and-a-half miles off Bat Galim, Haifa.

Quick action by a naval vessel and police boats and by the port tug, Tsuriya, commanded by the Harbour Master, Mr. Stephen Scheinman, saved the crew, schooner, her cargo and the rowboat in which the distressed Syrians had tried to make shore through the stormy weather.

The motor schooner, Fadl Allah (Grace of Allah), registered in Beirut but owned and manned by Syrians, was on her way from the Lebanon to Port Said with a crew of seven and a cargo of 200 tons of onions and 88 barrels of oil. She was only 35 miles away from her destination when a terrific storm tore her sails and drove her back north.

The violent gusts also tore a hole in her hull, and the engine room gradually became flooded. When the pumping machinery broke at about 1 o'clock today, the crew lowered their lifeboats and abandoned their sinking vessel, although the chances of reaching shore in the bad weather were slight.

Police Boat Rescues Crew

Fortunately for them their plight was spotted by a navy vessel, which signalled for help. Naval personnel boarded the vessel, found her badly flooded and began to pump water from the engine room. A police boat took the crew aboard and brought them here. The captain, who was slightly injured, received medical attention while the crew were given dry clothes and a hot meal by the police.

Meanwhile the Tsuriya went out and towed the Fadl Allah into the port, her condition having improved with the pumping. Stevedores took off her cargo. Extensive repairs will be required to make her seaworthy again.

The Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission has been informed of the rescue of the ship and her crew.

Syrians Fire Again At Beit Kazir Settlers

TIBERIAS, Monday. — For the second time in the past 24 hours, the Syrians fired across the border at Beit Kazir settlers ploughing their fields near the frontier south of Lake Kinneret. The settlers fired back without casualty to their number.

While on their way to outlying fields near the border at a point called Khirbet Toufik, fire from automatic weapons was directed at the Beit Kazir farmers. They made a dash for cover and fired back. The exchange lasted for about an hour and stopped as darkness fell.

U.N. Observers who had visited the spot at which yesterday's shooting had occurred, had not yet reached Tiberias when they heard more firing, and turned back to Beit Kazir.

Similar incidents occurred at the same spot a year ago at sowing time. The Syrians claim the field as their own. Complaints against the attacks during the past 24 hours were lodged with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Both Sides Hit For 'Triangle' Incidents

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission blamed both countries yesterday for last Friday's incidents in the Magal-Zeita area in the "Little Triangle."

The Commission adopted an Israel resolution charging Jordan with firing from Zeita village at traffic passing along a main road inside Israel. Two cars were hit by the fire.

By the votes of Israel and the Chairman, Colonel Charles Brewster, the Commission decided that this act constituted a breach of the Armistice Agreement, and called on Jordan to prevent this recurring interference with lines of communication within Israel.

A Jordan amendment, terming the incident an "exchange of fire," was rejected when the Chairman abstained.

The Commission also adopted part of a Jordan resolution blaming Israel for opening fire on a group of Jordanians while they were ploughing about 250 metres inside Jordan in the Zeita area. As result of the firing, two Jordanian farmers had been killed.

The Commission found further that rifle, machinegun and mortar fire had been directed at the village of Zeita, 15 shells landing in the village. One Jordanian had been injured by mortar shelling.

It was decided by the Commission that these acts constituted a violation of the Armistice Agreement, but rejected another paragraph in the Jordan resolution describing the shelling as an unjustified and most provocative act endangering the civilian inhabitants of the village.

The Commission called on Israel to take measures to ensure that such violations of the Armistice were not repeated.

TWO YOUNG SMUGGLERS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two smugglers from Jordan, aged 13 and 14 years, were detained yesterday in the home of a Taibe village resident who was arrested on a charge of harbouring them.

The boys were in possession of IL.540, 10 sovereigns, five gold earings and one Mandatory pound. In the house where they were detained, police impounded 135 metres of smuggled cloth and 20 sovereigns.

Rain Helps Citrus, Slows Picking

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The recent rains, though most beneficial to citrus growing, have slightly slowed down the rate of picking and packing, it was learned today from the Citrus Marketing Board. A more serious effect was avoided by the as yet slow rate of exporting determined by the demand abroad. To date, 400,000 crates of citrus have been sent, and according to the Board's export plan, which normally is strictly adhered to, 750,000 crates will be shipped by the end of December.

For the second consecutive day, water had to be pumped out of the ORT underground stores in the old fairground near Tel Aviv Port following the continuing heavy rain. Both Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports were idle today, as heavy seas prevented ships from putting in.

An aluminium roof blown by the strong wind from the Kitan factory, near the Herzlia Road, Ramat Gan, cut the high tension electricity wires near the highway at 5 p.m. yesterday. A bus which crossed the wires shortly afterwards escaped without incident. A wooden pylon, on which a cable torn from the high tension line had fallen, caught fire near the Kotna factory on the Herzlia Road today.

Roofs were blown from huts in the Yad Hama'avir ma'bara today. The inhabitants, with the help of the police, were taken from their flooded homes to the school and club hall.

Damage was caused to vegetable plots in the Migdal Ashkelon area by the recent torrential rains, according to local farmers. Yad Mordechai had 48 mm. of rain in 24 hours.

Afforestation work which began in the area last week to relieve unemployment, was discontinued and 250 unemployed now register daily at the Ashkelon Labour Exchange.

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Social & Personal

President Izhak Ben-Zvi yesterday received the Israel Minister to Brazil, Aluf David Shaltiel. Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to lunch the Minister of Justice and Mrs. P. Rosen, the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and Mrs. Giora Josephthal, the Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate and Mrs. Zvi Herman, the Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in Sweden and Mrs. N. Masur, Mrs. Rama Lindheim and Miss Batya Lishansky, the sculptress.

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Mr. S. Z. Shragai, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, has returned to his post after recuperating from an illness.

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ARRIVALS: Professor Rama Nisen, a journalist and lecturer in economics at Madras University, for a short visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry (by El Al); Mr. Neville Barbour, Assistant Editor, East Division of the BBC, for a one-week stay, after a two-month tour of the Arab countries; Mr. Leonard Mosley, of the "Daily Express," London, to collect material for a biography of General Orde Wingate.

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DEPARTURES: Dr. C. Hart Schaaf, Resident Representative of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board in Israel, on a short visit to Cairo to confer with representatives of the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and other international bodies on the coordination of activities; Dr. Alexander Bein, Assistant Director of the Central Zionist Archives, to the U.S. in connection with "Herzl Year"; Mr. Thorold Dickinson, Director of the Israel Film, "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer."

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The annual meeting of the Royal Air Forces Association (Israel Branch) has reelected Mr. A. Sternfeld as its chairman. Ex-S/Ldr. F.G. Nathan, ex-F/Lt. J. Giner and Mr. Haas were elected vice-chairman. Mr. A. Schindler will again serve as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. W/Cdr. H. B. Martin, the Air Attache of the British Embassy, who attended, was elected a Life Member of the Branch. The meeting voted IL.20 as donation to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund in lieu of a Hanukka party.

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Mme. Josephine Baker, the renowned entertainer, made her first appearance at the Zirabon Hall, Ramat Gan, last night. She will perform there for a fortnight.

BIRTH

KOFLER — To Shoshana (née Strahilevitz) and Dov Kofler, Eng., at Assutah Hospital — a son, brother to Israel.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.) 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

Paintings and Sculpture by Kaete Ephraim-Marcus, Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia, 10-1, 3-6.

"Hommage à Matisse". — "Master Drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages; Bezalel Museum.

"Conquest of the Desert," permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Works by Young Israel Artists, Artist's House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Public Meeting: —

Opening of the Members' Club of the Omen Mizrahi Women's Organization. Mr. Shapiro, Minister for Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, and Rabbi Bezalel Cohen, Member of the World Centre of the Mizrahi Organization, will speak on "The Amalgamation of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi." Members and friends are invited. 27 Rehov Ben Yehuda, 4.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre :—

Habimah, "Hedva and I," Habimah, 8 p.m.

"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Recorded Concert :—

Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 (Kleiber) & Symphony No. 8 (Munch). Pevsner House, 2.15 p.m.

BEERSHEBA

★ Theatre: —

Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny," 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre:—

Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

★ Zirabon:—

Circus Parada, 6.30 and 9. p.m.

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LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST

December 7, 1954

In the Supreme Court sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Silberg, Goitein and Landau

Muhammad Dabcud Salem, Applicant, v. The Controller of Absentee Property, Respondent (H.C. 35/54).

ARAB LANDOWNER'S RIGHTS RESTORED

The High Court of Justice made absolute an order nisi granted to the applicant, calling on the respondent to show cause why he should not refrain from interfering with the appellant's right to a plot of land in Khirbet Salem, which is attached to Kfar Romana.

Muhamad Salem claimed to be the sole heir to a plot of four dunams of land which had belonged to his father. He had no documentary proof of this as all the papers of registration for the area are over the border, in Jordan.

The Controller of Absentee Property, on the other hand, claimed that half of the land belonged to an absentee Arab and had been vested in the Custodian of Absentee Property, according to section 30(b) of the Absentee Property Law.

When, in February 1954, the Matei Ha'Ooma Company, with the consent of the Controller, came to fertilize that half of the land, Salem objected and immediately asked the police to intervene. When they refused to interfere, he applied to the High Court for an order nisi against the Controller, which was granted on March 3, 1954, together with an interim order restraining the Controller from interfering with the land until such time as a final order was given by the court.

Decision

On the Return Day, the High Court, in an order delivered by Justice Landau, held that if it were found that the respondent had recently unlawfully occupied land previously held by the applicant, then the Court was entitled to interfere (H.C. 304/52 — P.D. 8/839), but that it could not deal with questions of ownership, since these were not within its jurisdiction.

In dealing with the main point at issue — whether the respondent had acquired previous possession, as he claimed, and therefore the applicant had missed his opportunity of turning to the courts — the court declared that the fact that the Controller had informed the applicant's father in 1952 that the Custodian was the owner of half of the land and that the father had not reacted, was mere hearsay; the other fact that the Matei Ha'Ooma Company had fertilized the land once at the beginning of 1953 was a one-time act which did not provide any basis for occupation. In addition, held the court, the respondent's claim that the Company had picked the fruit off the trees on the whole plot of land had not been proved, nor had the respondent claimed that anyone had, on his behalf or on that of the Company, ploughed the land or tendered the trees. Moreover, if the Company had, as claimed by the respondent, picked the fruit on all the land, including that part which admittedly belonged to the applicant, there was no indication whatever that either the respondent or his representatives had ever credited the applicant with his share of the proceeds.

If, maintained the court, there were any basis in fact for the respondent's claim of previous possession, they would not have taken it upon themselves to decide the issue but would have referred the matter to the relevant court. But since the respondent had not even produced *prima facie* evidence of his possession of the land prior to February 1954, therefore the High Court held that the applicant was entitled to continue to enjoy exclusive and undisputed possession of the whole of the land for the present and was also entitled to receive the necessary remedy from the court for the protection of his rights. This did not, however, preclude the possibility of the Controller's applying to the appropriate Court for a decision on ownership if he still maintained his right to joint possession with the applicant on the grounds of joint ownership.

Order nisi made absolute, with costs for applicant.

Decision given on December 1, 1954.

For the applicant: Mr. M. Hawari, Advocate. For the respondent: Mr. S. Kwart, Deputy State Attorney.

Sharett Addresses Twelve Breakfasts at Once

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — In a message piped in over a special telephone hookup to 12 simultaneous breakfast meetings, the Israel Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday launched the "Action Week for Israel Bonds" in the New York area, declaring that Israel's economic defences must be strengthened to offset the arming of the Arab states.

More than 1,000 community and organizational leaders heard Mr. Sharett's message.

Raab Denies Austrian Reparations Debt

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Speaking on a nation-wide television hookup yesterday, Austrian Chancellor Dr. Julius Raab told questioners that Austria did not owe Israel or any other country Reparations because the Austrian Government had been "liquidated" by Germany in 1938.

On the other hand, the Chancellor said, Austria wants to develop trade with Israel and thus aid her economy. He stated that Austria paid nothing in the way of restitution or reparations to any country, only to individuals under the Austrian social security and other laws.

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Mrs. Ben-Zvi Joins Toy Fund

Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi, wife of the President, whose interest in, and activity for, underprivileged children is constant and who maintains "The President's Wife's Fund" for this purpose, has joined the Hanukka Toy Fund this year.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi is supplying the Fund with a list of places in Galilee which she visited recently with the President — frontier settlements and *moshavim*. She has offered to contribute quantities of sweets to go with the toys and games to be distributed by the Toy Fund.

The Toy Fund is richer today for an offer of five live playthings. The Jerusalem Animal Hospital has decided to present five puppies to delight some child, or group of children, eager for pets, and who can find a suitable home for them.

The Fund is fast climbing towards the IL.5,000 mark. Yesterday's list acknowledged IL.460.220 and the fund last night stood at IL.4,494.352.

Yesterday's cash contributions are:

IL.135 — U.N. and Specialized Agency Technical Assistance experts and staff in Israel.
IL.50 — Socony Vacuum Oil Co. of Israel, Ltd., Haifa.
IL.40 — The Shell Co. of Palestine Ltd., Haifa.
IL.25 — Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Rehovot.
IL.14.970 — The Jewish Agency's Institute for Overseas Youth Leaders, Jerusalem.
IL.13 — Tarok Party, Haifa.
IL.10 — Advertising Centre, Haifa; Anonymous, Haifa. S. Tor; Dr. Ernest Seligsohn; Tel Aviv. Ruti and Micky Suss, Kfar Shmaryahu.
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IL.0.500 — Yehuda Ariel; Haifa. Giora Ronen; K'riat Motzkin. Ariel and Oded Bauer; Tel Aviv.
IL.0.350 — Maria Goldstein; Jerusalem.

A wonderful exchange of flats and not mere luck — an advertisement in the columns of *The Jerusalem Post* played the trick.

Yesterday's Press :

'Arabs Preparing New Aggression'

Commenting on the new wave of border incidents, "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that the recent quiet was the result of Israel's readiness to refrain from any reprisals. But the mining of the Negev water line, carried out with military precision, the impending Cairo trials against the Bat Galim crew and "Zionist spies," and Jordan's refusals to ratify the Jerusalem commanders' agreement, all tend to show that the Arab rulers are preparing new acts of aggression, that they are interested in increasing tension anew and that the present lull will soon come to an end. The paper maintains that the Western powers continue to give hidden and indirect support to the aggressive intrigues of the Arab governments.

Herut Demands Action

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) says that Israel has been praised recently for refraining from reprisal, but it has not been explained to the Arabs that this restraint was not a sign of weakness and that there are limits to it. The paper demands that it be made absolutely clear to the Arab rulers that they are playing with fire and that continuation of the attacks will bring about reprisals.

Pointing out that the Negev water line has been blown up for the fourth time in a short period, "Herut" demands immediate action, but not on a small scale, and asks for "the liberation of those parts of the homeland still occupied by the Egyptians, the sailors' release, the guarantee of free passage through Suez and Eilat."

"Davar" (Histadrut) comments on the recent discussions held within Mapai on the subject of the wage freeze and hopes that the recommendation that resulted from them, conceived in concern with the national economy as well as with the living standard of the worker, will be adopted by the Histadrut. "Haboker" (General Zionist) estimates that the unbridled "demagogic competition" between the labour parties, outdoing each other in wage demands, has brought much damage to the nation in recent years. The workers organized in the Histadrut have been taught that each year they must ask for an increase regardless of all other considerations.

New Patterns Needed

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) comments on Mr. Ben Gurion's recent Ashkelon speech and agrees with him that the party framework of agricultural settlement has outlived its function if it ever had one, that it hinders progress, and that new patterns are urgently needed to find sufficient candidates for settlement. "Zmanim" (Progressive) deals with the financial problems of the younger settlements in a first leader and comments in the second editorial on the return of the Progressives to the Jerusalem Municipal Council after an absence of four months.

Reviewing the rowdy latest session of the Jerusalem City Council, the editor of "Ma'ariv" notes the perennial shifts in the attendance of the various parties at its sessions, recalls its tragic inefficacy, and demands that the Government dismiss the Municipal Council at last and clean up the "stables."

"Hador" (Mapai) celebrates the first issue of "Lamerhav," the Le'ahdut Ha'avoda daily, by pointing out sharply that there is no place for the new party, and "Yediot Aharonot" springs to the defence of the Hebrew stage, claiming that "Ha'aretz," which recently criticized some of the theatres, is out to eliminate it.

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AT THE CINEMA

"PEOPLE Will Talk" (Orion, J'lem) is based on a 25-year-old German stage hit, "Dr. Med. Hiob Praetorius," the author of which is now living in Los Angeles. He is Curt Goetz, whose position in pre-Hitler Germany could be compared to that of Noel Coward in England and Sacha Guitry in France, and whose acting in his plays is well remembered, together with that of his wife Valerie v. Martens.

The sound theme — the doctor who seeks to allay his patient's fears about her pregnancy, with murder mystery complications — is lightly and exquisitely treated by Darryl F. Zanuck and Joseph L. Mankiewicz. In addition, the dialogue is witty, intelligent, and full of psychological insight. Cary Grant and Jeanne Crain make a wonderful team as the doctor and the prospective mother. Finally Currie is the doctor's inseparable golem-like silent companion, Walter Slezak the jovial professor, and Hume Cronyn the narrow-minded one. Cary Grant conducts an amateur orchestra of professors and doctors in Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," and the score includes music from the "Meistersinger."

Excellent French Production

"LA verite sur Bebe Donge" (Tel-Or, J'lem) tells about the seemingly happily married husband (Jean Gabin) who traces the tragic motive behind an act of desperation on the part of his attractive wife (Danielle Darrieux). The film is superbly acted and smoothly and elegantly produced.

Gogol and Harry Baur

You may also enjoy Danielle Darrieux in a revival of Gogol's "Taras Bouiba" (Zion, J'lem) starring the late Harry Baur in a superlative performance, with Jean-Pierre Aumont. Authentically directed by Alexis Granovsky, once director of the Moscow "Yiddish Academic Chamber Theatre."

Musical Adventure

"SOMBRERO" (Eden, J'lem) blends a feud between two Mexican villages, bullfights and cock-fights, serenades, senoritas, and a carnival, all in Technicolor. Vittorio Gassmann, of the Italian screen, makes his Hollywood debut. The cast includes Pier Angeli, Ricardo Montalban, Cyd Charisse, Nina Foch, Yvonne de Carlo and the lovable Kurt Kasznar in the role of a priest.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

522, 349, 33.3 & 48.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.50 Break for Music (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.30 Light Music (R). 4.55 Unesco Programme. 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.50 Newsreel. 9.05 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal. Soloist: Shimon Mishori: "Der Freischutz" (Weber); Violin Concerto (Beethoven); Symphonic Dances (Grieg). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

497, 460, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "This Also Happened." 11.30 Songs by Zvi Ben-Yosef. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 216, 229 & 226 M.): 6.30 Opening 6.35 "Bow & Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 "Corps to Corps" 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music 10.00 Close Down.

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The Hamei Tiberias company is rushing work on the new bath house so that it can open in mid-January. Since the new building will accommodate 1,000 persons, it is expected that the crowded conditions which existed heretofore will now end. An air-conditioning and a device for absorbing the steam are among the new improvements. Better general amenities include a branch post office to be opened on the premises.

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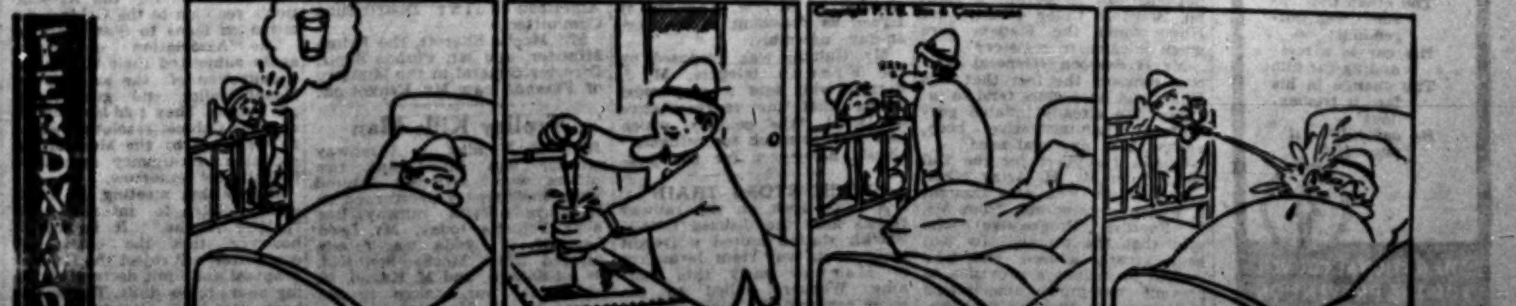

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Afule	16.3	82.1
Herzlia	18.4	85.6
Ein Hahoresh	23.2	152.4
Natanya	29.8	200.8
Ramatayim	63.6	151.2
Tel Aviv	58.3	199.4
Hakirya	48.5	229.8
Kfar Syrkin	53.5	198.2
Lydda	39.4	148.1
Rehovot	48.1	204.4
Ekron	59.3	185.9
Hatzor	83.1	260.5
Jerusalem	43.2	114.1

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Mt. Cana'an	68	3	10	12
Tiberias	—	10	—	—
Haifa Port	80	10	17	18
Natanya	89	9	16	18
Tel Aviv Port	76	9	18	18
Tel Aviv Kirya	66	8	18	19
Lydda Airport	75	8	16	18
Jerusalem	89	3	9	11
Beersheba	69	8	14	18
S'dom	42	14	22	23
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*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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48 TONS of eggs were shipped to Italy last week.

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200 WORKERS are involved in the five strikes which were approved yesterday by the Secretariat of the Tel Aviv Labour Council. The strikes were caused by the employers' alleged failure to conform to the current collective agreements.

30 TICKET sellers, disabled war veterans, who are employed in Tel Aviv Dan buses, struck on Sunday without the approval of the Labour Council. They demand a seven-hour working day and a rest period after each bus trip. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Defence for arbitration.

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THE REPAYMENT of a foreign exchange debt in Israel pounds may be effected at the official rate of exchange in force at the time the debt became due, Haifa District Court Judge Y. Gubernik ruled yesterday. Mr. Nuriel Yacobson, a clerk in the Tiberias Public Works Department, was granted the right to pay Mrs. Ethel Zuseck of Johannesburg, a £300 debt at the rate of IL.1 to £1. Mrs. Zuseck had demanded payment at the rate of IL.2.80 to £1.

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THE MONTHLY SALE of unclaimed property at the Tel Aviv Police Station will be held at 6 Rehov Yehuda Halevi at 9 o'clock this morning.

Treasury Delay Holds Up Welfare Work

The Ministry of Social Welfare has not transmitted funds for relief allowances since September, due to Treasury delays in releasing some IL.80,000, the Welfare Ministry spokesman said yesterday. He was unable to state how many necessitous families this affected. "The Ministry hands these funds to the local authorities for distribution. What happens then doesn't interest us," remarked the spokesman.

Further enquiry showed that the large municipalities have managed to avoid delay in relief distribution, as they are more independent of the central authority than the small towns and villages. The Jerusalem Welfare Department has kept up to date with its payments to the needy.

An Old Age Home for 60 Arabs is to be opened shortly in Jaffa by the Ministry of Social Welfare. The inmates are all widowers, both Christians and Moslems. Maintenance of the Home will be shared equally between the Government and the local authorities of Ramle, Nazareth and Jaffa, who will send aged residents there.

Amihai Takes Leave Of Capital's Command

Aluf Mishne Riel Amihai took leave of Jerusalem and his command on Sunday night, at a farewell party given in his honour. The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Y. Kariv, the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, and officers of the reserves praised the Commander's leadership and comradeship. They spoke of the courage of Jerusalem during the siege when a handful of fighters successfully stood almost emptyhanded against the highly trained and better-equipped Jordan and Egyptian forces.

In his reply, Aluf Mishne Amihai spoke with feeling of Jerusalem's place in the heart of the nation and of the importance to the Army of the human element which alone could ensure victory.

Mr. R. Klatzkin of Habimah performed.

Aluf Mishne Haim Herzog assumed command of the Jerusalem area yesterday.

Attorney General Studies Case Against Natorei Karta Head

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of Rabbi Amram Blau, head of Natorei Karta, and 13 other persons charged with illegal assembly outside the children's club near Meah Shearim was postponed yesterday by Magistrate Meir Even-Tov at the request of the police prosecutor, First Inspector Meir Friedman.

Mr. Friedman stated that the file had been transferred for study to the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, at the latter's request, and that the trial could proceed only when the file was returned.

Rabbi Blau was brought from Ramle where he is serving a 21-day sentence for a previous offence. Two persons who had been imprisoned since they refused to put up IL.50 bail to appear in Court were released when such bail was put up yesterday by a third person.

Magistrate Even-Tov granted a request by a spokesman for the 13 others who asked that their IL.50 cash bail be changed to a IL.50 guarantee due to the financial hardship this caused their families.

The police yesterday released on IL.50 bail eight more of the 21 suspects detained on Sunday in the Meah Shearim quarter on suspicion of having attacked five policemen on Saturday. Some of the six remaining are to be released today on IL.50 bail, and the rest are to be brought before the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court and charged with attacking the policemen. The police are expected to press for their detention.

Police "Goodwill"

Mr. Levi Avrahami, head of the Jerusalem Police District, yesterday continued his "goodwill campaign" aimed at eliminating the disturbances. Among others, he called upon Rabbi Henich Sinkevitch, head of the Sfat Emet Yeshiva, and asked him to use his influence among his followers "to quiet" them. Today, Mr. Avrahami is to call on the heads of several synagogues, such as Hassidei Breslav in Meah Shearim, the balconies of which have served as a base for fusilages of stones, and is to ask them to refuse to allow their synagogues to be exploited for this purpose in the future.

The Committee of Three, appointed by the Jerusalem Municipality on Sunday to find ways and means of ending the disturbances, did not meet yesterday as Rabbi Moshe Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, was in Petah Tikva.

Rain prevented the demonstration yesterday outside the Children's Club of the Working Mothers organization from developing into more than a handful of boys, many not even in their early teens.

Court Must Jail In Bribery Cases

A prison sentence must be imposed on a person guilty of accepting a bribe in the course of his duty as an employee of the Government or a local authority and a person found guilty of giving such bribe, the Supreme Court decided in a leading case yesterday.

The Court allowed the appeal of the Attorney General against a Haifa District Court decision, which imposed a IL.200 fine on Moshe Asvitz, 30, for bribing a clerk employed by the Military Government. Asvitz, who was caught while removing oil from a closed area without a permit, gave the clerk IL.50 not to disclose the incident to the police. Mr. G. Bach, representing the Attorney General, claimed that the Amendment of Criminal Law Act (Bribery Violations) stipulated a prison sentence in such cases.

The Court, consisting of President Olshan and Justices Goitein and Berinson, added a month in prison to the sentence passed on the accused. *(Itim)*

ACCUSED OF SEVEN FRAUD COUNTS

The preliminary investigation against Haim Schnerb who is suspected of having obtained large sums of money by false pretences, opened before the Jerusalem Examining Magistrate, Mr. Y. Weiner, yesterday.

The accused is charged with fraudulently getting IL.5,000 from Mr. Arieh Halperin, IL.10,000 from Mr. Ezra Amias, IL.2,200 from Mr. Ya'akov Ami. at, IL.700 from Mr. Ben Zion Cohen, IL.1,000 from Mr. Haim Nuri, IL.200 from Mr. Abraham Schulz and IL.350 from Mr. Yeheskel Fenigstein.

The enquiry was adjourned until Friday and Schnerb was remanded for 15 days. *(Itim)*

President Starts Things Moving

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON, Monday. — Two hundred housing units are to be built on Jewish National Fund land in the centre of Holon as part of a scheme to find accommodation for the 100 families still living in the *ma'bara* here. A further 300 units will be built on the sandy area between Holon and Bat Yam and 200 in Tel Giborim.

The plans were decided on during a recent meeting attended by Mr. A. Hartzfeld M.K., Mr. Y. Weitz, of the J.N.F. and Mr. P. Eylon, Mayor of Holon.

It will be recalled that last week the President's Aide wrote to Mr. Eylon asking if the *ma'bara* had been liquidated. When Mr. Ben-Zvi visited Holon last year, he was told that the *ma'bara* would be liquidated within 12 months.

Maccabi Out Of Football Board

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Maccabi representatives stalked out of a stormy meeting of the Football Federation here yesterday a few minutes before the election of a 15-member board. Mr. Y. Baum, for Maccabi, claimed that the meeting was irregular and had not been called according to schedule but merely in order to oust his organization from its position on the board.

Maccabi members then sang Hatikva and withdrew.

The new Board which was elected by representatives of eight sports clubs, includes 11 members of Hapoel, three of Betar and one of Shimshon.

The meeting also appointed the members of the Federation's Court of Honour and Control Commission.

It is believed that Maccabi chose to withdraw because they had little chance of maintaining their prominent position on the Board. Their action does not mean that the organization has left the Federation.

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The husband, **MOSHE KONVISOR**, Tel Aviv.
The parents, **ETYA** and **MORDECHAI MELICHSON**, Caracas, Venezuela.

Bedek Buys Jet Repair Equipment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — To facilitate the upkeeping of jet machines, Bedek, the Government-controlled aircraft maintenance depot at Lydda Airport, has ordered £40,000 worth of equipment, it was reliably learned here today. This is in anticipation of the heavy use of jet aircraft by commercial airlines.

Heavy jets require special equipment, such as dynamic balancing machines, for weighing parts revolving at high speed, and also various special checking gear.

The equipment is to be installed and is to be in working condition within a year. Bedek will require no extra buildings for its new task.

Coffee Prices Fall But Not in Israel

Though there has recently been a decrease in the world price of coffee, a reversal of the trend over the past few years, it will not be passed on to the Israel consumer, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

In view of the price decrease, the Ministry has decided to lessen the subsidy to coffee importers from IL.1.050 per dollar to IL.0.80 per dollar.

RABBINATE WARNING ON AMERICAN CHEESE

The Chief Rabbinate has announced that the American cheese about to be distributed may not be used, but that Rabbinical advice should be sought regarding its consumption by children and the sick.

'Warehouse Centre' of Ancient Hazor Found by Archaeologist

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The discovery of the "warehouse centre" of the ancient city of Hazor, (near Ayelet Hashahar in Upper Galilee) was described in Jerusalem yesterday by the Director of the Department of Antiquities, Mr. S. Yeivin, who has been excavating the site during the past few weeks.

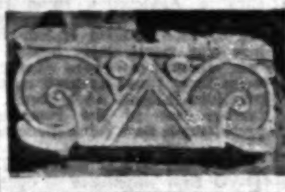
This is the first time that a special quarter of a town composed entirely of large storerooms has been discovered. The buildings date from the Israelite period, eighth and seventh centuries B.C.E., and probably served as storerooms or warehouses for passing caravans or for the city garrison. Hazor is known to have been an important military and administrative centre in Galilee.

Mr. Moshe Dothan, who headed the expedition at Nahariya, reported on a *bamah* (High Place) excavated near the Nahariya bathing beach. It can now be established that the place was used for worship early in the eighteenth century B.C.E. At that time, worshippers deposited their sacrifices on the virgin soil. Later worshippers through the centuries are responsible for the gradual "growth" of the High Place. Seven layers of occupation were removed, indicating an occupation from the eighteenth to the fifteenth centuries. Two altars were also discovered, as well as a "foundation deposit," a stone case which must have contained offerings.

Of unusual interest are the silver and bronze plaques depicting the goddess Ashera, animal figurines, incense burners and an exquisite and unique plaque which may depict the god Ba'al.

The affinity with the objects found at Ugarit and Byblos, further north, is very marked. The High Place and Temple next to it must have served the community living between Acre and Rosh Hanikra. Recent excavations at Akhziv, north of Nahariya, revealed tombs of the Late Bronze Age (fifteenth century) indicating an occupation hitherto unknown.

Mr. Yehuda Aharoni described the last phase of the work at Ramat Rahel, previously reported at length in *The Jerusalem Post*. Reference should be made to the proto-Ionic capitals discovered inside the Israelite fortress and dating back to the ninth or eighth century B.C.E. The capitals (see picture), similar to those found in the Solomonic palace at Megiddo and Ahab's palace at Samaria, point to the importance of the site at the time of the Judean monarchy.



This is further attested to by the exceedingly well-preserved casement wall on the southern side of the fortress. This double wall, with its internal plastered rooms probably served as living quarters for the guards, or as a prison, or else as storerooms.

Funds for the excavation were provided by the Ministry of Labour.

Mr. A. Hiram, the architect in charge of the preservation of monuments, told reporters that with the assistance of the Tourist Centre, work has already begun at the Herodian tomb in Jerusalem and the old city of Caesarea, Acre, Tiberias and Ramat Rahel.

Professor T. Orselli, of Ravenna, described the work on the reconstruction and preservation of mosaics at Beit Govrin, Hanita and Beisan the frescos at Ashkelon. Professor Orselli is instructing ten students in the art of mosaic craftsmanship.

Piatigorsky Gives All Proceeds to IPO Fund

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Gregor Piatigorsky will donate the entire proceeds of his concerts in Israel to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Pension Fund. The cellist announced his decision at a reception given in his honour by the members of the I.P.O. at the Dan Hotel following his last appearance with them in the Ohel Shem auditorium here tonight. A certificate noting his inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book was presented to Mr. Piatigorsky during the concert.

At the reception, Mr. Piatigorsky was made an honorary member of the I.P.O. and was presented with its gold emblem. He is to give recitals in Haifa tomorrow night and in Jerusalem on Wednesday and will leave the country on Thursday.

Mr. Piatigorsky's gift is the first of its kind to be made by a visiting artist.

BLIND VIOLINIST RETURNS FROM STUDY

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Reuven Varga, a 28-year-old blind violinist, returned by El Al today from the U.S. He has been studying in the Julliard School of Music since 1947. Mr. Varga, whose parents live in Tel Aviv, lost his sight when he was 11 years old as a result of the explosion of a hand grenade. During the Second World War he was in Budapest, where he underwent medical treatment and studied music.

He is scheduled to appear in concerts here shortly.

NEW DAILY

The first issue of "Lamerhav," a Hebrew daily, made its appearance yesterday as the organ of the Le'Ahdut Ha'avoda Party. "Lamerhav" was the title of the weekly whose publication by Le'Ahdut Ha'avoda was the occasion for its leaving Mapam.

A leading article describes the paper as "the fruit of the efforts and struggles of a revolutionary-pioneering, Socialist-Zionist movement — militant and creative."

Mr. Yisrael Even-Nur is the Responsible Editor of the daily, which is published in Tel Aviv by Mr. Y. Gilad.

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IL.3.5m. Budget For Haifa Development

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — A Municipal development budget for 1955/56, totalling IL.3.5m. and covering such public works as the expansion of sewage and water supply, road construction, park development and the development of school facilities, was introduced to the Municipal Council tonight by Mayor Abba Khoushy.

Some IL.1.9m. will be sought as a Government grant.

The expansion of the sewage network and the construction of schools comprise the largest items in the budget, calling for the expenditure of IL.1.25m. and IL.1.24m. respectively. Pointing to the need for eliminating the "second shift" in schools, Mr. Khoushy said that the Municipality's main effort towards raising school standards should be channelled in that direction.

The Council approved the removal of bus ticket kiosks from the city's streets. The Mayor announced that the Government had approved a by-law prohibiting the hanging of laundry from windows facing certain streets.

Kariv Threatened By Loss of Majority

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The General Zionist Councillors in the Jerusalem Municipality are to meet tomorrow evening to discuss withdrawing from the coalition. Their withdrawal would mean the end of the coalition, for it would leave the Mayor with the support of only the religious parties.

Despite the defection on Sunday of Herut's two members, Mayor Kariv has announced that he will not resign, hoping that the faction would reconsider its step and return to the coalition.

With Herut announcing its abstention in any vote of confidence, and with one member of the coalition, Mr. H. Stern, abroad, the Mayor can count on eight votes (including his own) and one probable vote, Mr. Y. M. Kleinlerer (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) who so far has generally supported the coalition without being a member of it. The opposition, which has proposed votes of non-confidence against Mr. Kariv and Deputy Mayor Rabbi Moshe Porush — but not against Mr. Eliachar — also controls nine votes. In case of a tie, the Mayor has a casting vote.

Eytan Resigns From Ramat Gan Council

RAMAT GAN, Monday. — Mr. Yona Eytan, the Deputy Mayor, tendered his resignation from the Municipal Council today, after having been fined in the Tel Aviv District Court last week for having released without authority a guarantee deposited by a building contractor with the Municipality.

In a letter to Mayor A. Krinizi, Mr. Eytan admitted having acted rashly, but said that he had never intended to extend special benefits to any particular contractor.

It is believed that Councillor Moshe Federman, General Zionist, will succeed Mr. Eytan as Deputy Mayor.

PETAH TIKVA VOTES TO CENSURE ROKACH

PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — The attitude of Mr. I. Rokach, the Minister of Interior, towards the affairs of this Municipality, came in for censure from the Municipal Council here today. A decision to send a protest to the Minister was adopted by the Coalition majority.

Mayor Rashish said that for the past two years the town's budget had been the most regular in the country and that by this month IL.500,000 had been collected in rates.

DAIRY FARMERS SELLING STOCK

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Monday. — Claiming that it is unprofitable to market milk with the current high cost of fodder and the "frozen" price of milk, local farmers are selling their cows, it was learned here today from the Dairy Farmers Association.

It is estimated that 100 of the 700 cows in this area have been sold in the past few months, and the trend is continuing.

Dairy men claim that only farmers with enough land to grow their own fodder, or who have very large herds, can survive the crisis. *(Itim)*

Froumine Closure 'Not Justified'

The Froumine biscuit factory in B'nei Brak was not justified in closing down, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. Edible oil allocations have been distributed to industry well in advance of the public ration, and the December supply is about to be issued.

The factory charged on Sunday that it had been forced to close because its oil allocation had been exhausted. Some 130

TOO MANY TAKE FRIDAY TRAINS

Railway booking clerks and ticket agencies have been instructed to reduce by 25 per cent the number of tickets on sale for Friday travel, it is learned from Ministry of Communications sources.

Considerable overcrowding had resulted from the pressure of week-end rail traffic and the instruction is intended to ease the situation until new rolling stock, now on order, is put into commission.

3,000 IMMIGRANTS IN NOVEMBER

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A total of 2,952 immigrants entered the country during November, and in the same period 1,488 tourists arrived and 1,630 left, according to the monthly bulletin of the Border Police.

During the month 2,371 residents returned to the country while 1,726 left. Also during November 204 persons carrying diplomatic passports entered and 184 left.

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Trade Unions Fix Wage Policy Today

By Our Labour Correspondent

The Histadrut Trades Union Department is to meet in Tel Aviv today to make recommendations for the Histadrut wages policy for 1955. Mapai, Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda, Haoved Hazioni and Hapoel Hamizrahi will be represented at the meeting, the latter in an advisory capacity.

Mapai will submit the wages restraint policy adopted by its Central Committee last Thursday, which will probably receive the general support of Haoved Hazioni and Hapoel Hamizrahi. The left-wing parties, Mapam and Le'Ahdut Ha'avoda, will put forward their demands for general wage increases of 15 to 20 per cent.

As Mapai has a majority in the department, its policy will undoubtedly be adopted and submitted for approval to the Histadrut's Executive Committee, which is expected to meet on December 16. The way will then be open for the Histadrut to begin negotiations with the employers' representatives, though the left-wing parties may appeal against the decision to the Histadrut Council.

20 AWARDS FOR 'STAKHANOVITES'

By Our Labour Correspondent

Twenty individuals and groups of workers have been selected by a special committee to receive the Histadrut's Labour Prizes of IL.250 each for 1954/55. The committee's recommendations were approved by the Central Committee of the Histadrut on Sunday. It was at first intended to award only 10 prizes, but there were so many outstanding candidates that it was decided to double the number.

The Central Committee decided to revive the Histadrut Department for Pioneer Youth.

Mr. R. Barkatt reported to the Committee on the recent Board meeting of the Asian Socialist Congress in Tokyo.

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Cables in Brief

ERUPTION. — The Mediterranean island volcano of Stromboli erupted violently yesterday.

WARNING. — Five thousand postmen meeting in Manchester yesterday pointed out that if football pools for matches played on Christmas Day were not cancelled half of Britain's Christmas mail would not be delivered in time.

IRON. — Eight-month-old Kunio Shitao's mother said in Tokyo yesterday that she had taken her baby to a doctor recently when he developed complications following an attack of bronchitis. Surgeons extracted 230 nails, screws, and fish hooks from Kunio's tiny stomach in an operation that lasted some hours.

POPE TO BROADCAST

VATICAN CITY, Monday (UP). —Pope Pius XII gained strength today and his doctors granted his wish to close the Roman Catholic Marian year with a brief broadcast from his sickbed on Wednesday.

The Pope will recite an *Ave Maria* and pronounce his benediction *urbi et orbi* (to the city and the world.)

WELFARE OFFICIAL DIES AGED 30

The death of Erika Konvisor, 30, of the Municipal Social Service Department, occurred in Tel Aviv yesterday. She is survived by her husband, Police Inspector M. Konvisor. The cortege will leave the Tel Aviv Municipal Hospital at 10 o'clock this morning.

MR. REMORINO

Mr. Jeronimo Remorino, author of La Nueva Legislacion Social Argentina, is Argentine Foreign Minister and not Minister of Education as published last week.

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Economic News from Abroad

Third for German Arms

● Defence expenditure accounts for one-third of the Federal budget of West Germany for the year 1955/56, which has been fixed at $6,650m. The main revenue items are to be income tax ($1,000m.), customs and excise duties ($1,800m.), and indirect taxes and property tax ($2,600m.).

Soviet Timber Losses

● For years, the Soviet timber industry has been working at a loss. It amounted to 1,400m. roubles in 1951 and rose to 2,200 m. roubles in 1953. The building industry sustained a loss of 700 m. roubles last year.

U.S. Increases Stock-piling

● The U.S. Government has raised its stock-piling programme by $2,000m. to $9,000m. Practically all the additional sum is to be spent on domestic and foreign metals and minerals.

Argentine Taxes Cut

● Sweeping tax cuts have been announced in Argentina. The basic income tax exemption figure has been doubled and allowances for wives and children have been increased. Taxes on food and many consumer articles have also been reduced.

Chile Devaluating Peso

● Chile will soon devaluate the peso and simplify her complicated exchange rate system. It is thought that the new rate may be set at about 180 pesos to the dollar compared with the present official rate of 110.

Pakistan-Japan Accord

● Pakistan and Japan signed a new trade agreement providing for exchange worth £28m. each way. Pakistan imports of Japanese textiles are to be cut to one-third, but an open licence will be given for Japanese machinery and capital goods.

Solar Machines Soon

● The Commercial production of solar power machines is envisaged in the U.S. within a few years. A ready market is expected in India, Australia, Israel and other semi-arid areas.

Bumper Indian Tea Crop

● The North Indian tea harvest was 8,650 tons more than last year at the end of October, but an additional 15,000-20,000 tons will be needed to relieve the present short supply. The plucking season ends in December.

Copper Loan

● The Export-Import Bank is to advance up to $100m. to the Southern Peru Copper Corporation, an American subsidiary, in order to speed the development of the Toquemala copper mine. The U.S. Government is to have the right to purchase a portion of the copper at a reasonable price.

Nylon Crowding Rayon

● Nylon has now come to dominate the heavy tire market and is invading the passenger car market, pressing ever harder on the use of rayon cord.

British Fight Mitsui

● Far Eastern shipping rates have been depressed below handling costs by the fierce competition between the Japanese Mitsui line and British lines participating in he Far Eastern Freight Conference. While two other Japanese lines have joined the Conference, Mitsui has been refused membership because of British opposition.

Real Wage Rises

● Since 1950, real wages have risen by nine per cent in the U.S., by 24 per cent in France, by 19 per cent in West Germany and by five per cent in Belgium. Nominal wages have risen considerably more.

Newsprint Import Again

By Our Economic Editor

THE supply of newsprint from the Hadera paper mill will drop from 2,500 tons in 1954, to about 1,500 tons in 1955, it is learned. Out of this, only 1,100 tons will be allocated to daily newspapers. Since this is less than half their present requirements, about 1,500 tons of newsprint will have to be imported. An immediate purchase of 400 tons has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and it is expected that import licences for larger quantities will be issued shortly. The placing of orders, however, has been delayed for several weeks because most European factories are heavily booked in advance and local agents lost their contacts when imports were discontinued last year.

Hopes of obtaining newsprint from Finland will materialise only to the extent of 950 tons at the most, as the earliest dates offered there were for the second half of 1955. A consignment is first expected to come from Rumania within the framework of the recently concluded trade agreement. The price presumably will be $168 per ton c.i.f., i.e., somewhat above the ruling Finnish prices. (As a matter of fact, $150 had been agreed upon at first, but the price rose when it became clear that the transaction would be included in the clearing account).

On that basis, the local price of imported newsprint will be approximately IL.430 a ton (compared with IL.466 ex-factory which are now charged by the Hadera company). This includes about IL.90 for customs duty, which is 28 per cent of value, and IL.25 for excise (six per cent of the wholesale price).

Newspaper publishers claim that these high fiscal charges were introduced in order to protect the local factory and to offset the loss of Treasury revenue resulting from lack of imports. Since the Hadera mill is unable to cover local demand and imports are again necessary, they want to be exempted from excise duty and to have customs duty reduced to the 15 per cent charged before local newsprint production started.

Meanwhile, local newsprint stocks are running low and some papers are appearing on a week-to-week basis. The Hadera mill has been producing other kinds of paper recently and reverting to newsprint production only about one week per month. The shortage has already resulted in the re-appearance of a black market, on which prices are reaching IL.600-650 a ton. The main suppliers of this market seem to be several smaller newspaper publishers who succeeded in getting a supply considerably exceeding their actual requirements.

High Prices Cancel Reparations Order

AN order for 13,000 tons of ammonium sulphate which had been placed in Germany by the Shilumim Corporation has been cancelled in view of the producers' demand for a price increase. Meanwhile, the I.C.I. company has been allocated sterling for the import of 4,000 tons from Britain, and the import of an additional 2,000 tons will be allowed shortly.

In the first half of 1954, 19,300 tons of ammonium sulphate were imported at a cost of $1.2m. Of this, 17,100 tons were from Germany and the rest from Belgium.

DISPUTES' HIGH PRICE

Over 55,000 work-days were lost in industrial disputes during the first half of 1954, compared with 26,000 during the first half of 1953. Out of this, 21,000 work-days were lost in public services. Most disputes were caused by delay in paying wages. None was recorded in agriculture.

Cotton Board Proposed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE establishment of a statutory Cotton Marketing Board with broad powers to regulate the cultivation, storage and sales of domestic cotton will be proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture shortly, and it is hoped that the Board will be functioning by the time the sowing season starts. The Board will also administer seasonal credits to cotton growers and presumably will supervise the ginning as well. It will be composed of representatives of the growers, the cotton spinners, the banks and the Ministry of Agriculture. The Board's statutes are now being worked out by a special committee.

Spinners have long stressed the necessity to establish a special cotton board if a uniform quality of local staple is to be assured. Next spring, about 15,000 dunams are expected to go under cotton, and the crop may reach 1,000-2,000 tons, i.e., 20 to 40 per cent of the total requirements. The growers will get a loan of IL.30 per dunam when the sowing season starts in March, an additional IL.30 in June, IL.30 at harvest time and the rest of the price when the crop is brought in. The total financing of the cotton crop may run into IL.4.5m.

Farmers Interested

Interest in growing cotton is reported high among farmers in view of the excellent results achieved last season and the big earnings expected, which are estimated to average over IL.300 per dunam from fibres and seeds, with a relatively small investment of labour. Some farms are said to be turning to cotton after the disappointing results of the last groundnut crop.

Meanwhile, the cotton shortage in the mills is nearing its end as substantial quantities of raw cotton have been ordered and are already under way. About 300 tons of American cotton and 500 tons of Anatolian cotton are due to arrive shortly, another 500 tons from the U.S. are expected by the end of the month, and 1,000 tons more (one-half from the U.S. and one-half from Turkey) in the next three months. Thus, it is likely that by January the mills will be working at full capacity. A reserve stock that will suffice for six months is to be purchased under the special stockpiling programme recently approved by the Government.

Stocks and Commodities

NEED FOR CASH IMPROVES PRICES

DESPITE the approaching end of the calendar-year, when institutions and businessmen are interested in liquid assets, the demand for a number of securities was apparent on the Tel Aviv Exchange during the week. It appears that the prevailing low levels provide an attraction: some securities reached lows which the exchange had not seen for a long time. Even where demand was limited, prices advanced on account of insufficient offers, as few were ready to part with their securities at present prices. Pal. Potash ordinary shares advanced by 10 points during the week and Milve Hova, still not listed, improved from a low of 45½% to 59%. Elsewhere in the Government Bond section prices were steady with Milve Milhama and Shitrei Erech gaining some ground. 5% Nir preference shares advanced by some 6 points. Potash preference shares, Ata, Kurdaneh, Cold Storage shares and others improved slightly.

New York High Breaks All Records

THE setback on Wall Street at the beginning of the week proved a short-lived technical correction and a full recovery soon brought prices to new highs. Public and institutional buyings helped this development, with Du Pont gaining some $7.50 on the dismissal of the Government's anti-trust suit against the company. After touching 384.04, Dow-Jones Averages for 30 Industrials reached 380.60 as against 387.79 the week before. Comparing the present all-time high with 1929, commentators point out that according to present regulations, bulls must put up at least 50% in cash as against only 10% in 1929. The "New York Times" average of 50 Representative Stocks is still 50 points below the 1929 high and the "Herald Tribune" average of 100 Stocks is some 33 points below it, while the Dow-Jones averages have surpassed the 1929 peak and the Standard & Poor Index of 50 Stocks is 100 points above it. The present spectacular rise appears to reflect prevalent investor confidence that the U.S. will continue to prosper, and that the recession is over.

London Reviving As Sterling Recovers

AFTER the shake-out, a definite revival was apparent both in the gilt-edged and industrial markets. The weakness of sterling, (which dipped to its lowest levels in two years, i.e. to $2.78 7/16, while the rate of transferable sterling fell to $8.70¾—2.71¼, lowest since September 1953), talk about a general election and rumours of a rise in the bank rate all brought some selling pressure. The rally at the week's end was caused by Sterling's recovery. Thursday's announcement of "no change" in the bank rate, and good gold and dollar reports, which brought the total reserves to $2,925m. on November 30. This means a rise of $407 millions this year, despite the repayment of $112m. to the International Monetary Fund and a special payment of some $100m. in settlement of European debts.

Gold Shows Small Rise

In London, with sterling low, the price of gold was fixed at 251/7½d. per fine ounce as against 251/3½d. last week. In Paris, the strength of the unofficial exchange rates, such as sterling notes at frs. 1000.-, influenced the gold market, which hardened quickly after a slow start, although no increased buying interest was reported. The recent recovery helped to wipe out previous losses, but business remained too small to test the market's real feeling.

Grain Hesitant, Copper Weaker

After earlier firmness, London grain markets developed a hesitant tendency, barley was cheaper and maize firm. On the metal exchange, copper weakened, as some uncertainty was caused by a report that Commonwealth producers were becoming interested in stabilising the metal price around £250 per ton. Cash copper lost some ground to £271:£272.

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Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 6		Rise or Fall
Pop. Loans 1949/69 (IL.10)	—	—
3½% Tavel Dollar x)y)	129⅝	
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3½% Govt. Bds. (large)	96	—
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	90½	—
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	90½	+½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	72½	—
Bk. Leumi ord. sh. c)	297	—
A.P.B. Investm. 4% debs. 50/70 e)	97½	—
ord. sh. "B"	115½	—
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	109½	—
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	161	—
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	106½	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.		
Bizur 4% debs. 56/65	83½	—
Nir 4% Debs. (bear.)	79½	—
5% pref. sh. a)	77	—
Pass 4% debs. 40/64 reg	87	—
"Inva" 8% debs.	83½	—
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	156½	—
5% debs	98½	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	106½	+½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh	91½	—
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	348	—
"A" ord. shares	167	—½
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.)	—	
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Ldn	—	
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	—	
Mekoroth pref. sh. a)	66	—
Ata ord. "B" sh.	132½	—1
6-8% conv. debs.	102½	—
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" sh.	139	+½
[illegible]	108	—
Meller-Dee ord.sh.reg.x	908	—
[illegible] c)	97	—
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	149½	—
"Teva" ord. sh.	118½	—
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	113½	—
6% debs. "B"	110	—½
Pal.Cold.St.7%debs.c)	150	—
ord. sh. reg. c)	237	+1
Pal. Centr. Tr. 8% debs	96½	—

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; e) half div.; x) prutot; y) coupons Dec. 15, 1954; z) coupons June 15, 1955.

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THE figures show that our foreign trade position is gradually improving — more or less according to plan. During the first nine months of this year, imports totalled only four per cent more than during the corresponding period of 1953. In the months April-September, i.e., in the first half of the current budget year, there was even a slight drop — perhaps because of a favourable development in overseas prices or delay in shipments, for the import programme for the whole year 1954/55 had been fixed at 13 per cent above that for the preceding year. At the same time, exports shot up during the same period. Even if the value of citrus shipments is deducted (to eliminate the singular effect of last season's bumper crop), other export proceeds were about 50 per cent higher than a year ago and the tide seems to be rising. Despite the lesser income which is expected from the current citrus season it is virtually certain that the year's target of $78m. in export proceeds will be reached and perhaps exceeded. And, significantly, citrus will account but for about one-third, and diamonds for less than one-fifth.

EXPORTS AND CLEARINGS

The preliminary target for the next year, 1955/56, has been conservatively set at about $100m., while the volume of imports which has been set at $30m. this year may be expected to be somewhat less, if the Treasury sticks to its austerity policy (which, however, is not so certain, in view of the recent allocation of $10m. for "essential stockpiling" in addition to the original import programme, and the leniency in issuing special import licences for "luxury" and "semi-luxury" goods).

We are thus nearing the point where our own earnings will pay for about one-third of total imports and for over 40 per cent of imports for current consumption and production.

This improvement, however, also involves several problems which centre about the present over-valuation of our currency. With the almost exclusive exception of citrus, the expansion of exports has been made possible largely either by overt subsidies, in the case of agricultural products, or by channelling the goods through trade agreements to safeguarded markets where higher prices can be obtained at the cost of local consumers.

As a matter of fact, the "clearing account income" is expected to rise this year from $19.5m. to $37m., i.e., by $17.5m., compared with the total estimated export increase of $21.8m. If we add to this the goods purchased from German Reparations accounts, which are also paid for at above world market prices, we shall see that about one-third of our total import is relatively over-paid, and this cannot but influence the domestic price level. While we obviously cannot dispense with the Reparations, dear as they may be, the time seems to be ripe for a re-appraisal of the actual value of the trade agreements in the light of the burden they impose upon our economy.

In view of the recurrent difficulties in obtaining suitable commodities in Turkey, Finland, Iceland and other "clearing" countries, and the prevalent tendency to abolish bilateral trade, the Treasury's exercising stricter control of the "added value" of exports to these markets becomes quite clear. This critical attitude should apply not only to individual transactions, but to the whole system of trade agreements.

Wage Freeze Necessary

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE decision of the Mapai Central Committee not to press for higher basic wages during the coming year is of far-reaching importance, both for the workers and for the economy as a whole. It was not easy to arrive at it in the face of the Left's determined demand for a 20 per cent rise. It had to be made in an election year, when a gesture to the workers would have been of great help to the Histadrut majority. It was made in full knowledge of the fact that the prices of uncontrolled goods were rising and that it was therefore not easy for a family to make ends meet on a moderate income.

Before the decision was made, however, the issue had been discussed fully in the Party's branches throughout the country, where it became evident that the majority of members were ready to back it. Thus, Mapai will be able to steer successfully round the dangerous bend of January 1 when the collective agreements for 1955 are signed between the trade unions and the Manufacturers Association.

In order to appreciate the importance of the decision, we should bear in mind what a 20 per cent rise in basic wages would mean. It would bring the workers a fatter pay envelope, but it is very doubtful whether they would be able to do much with the additional pound notes. The higher payroll would upset the calculations of the *entrepreneurs*, who would transfer this burden to the consumer in higher prices, giving the workers as a consumer less for his money.

The State budget for the coming fiscal year would be hopelessly upset, as a rise in basic wages would considerably increase government expenditure. It also might well be that as a result of increased wages, the number of unemployed would rise since there would be less money for emergency jobs. And the enterprises of the Histadrut, which play a very important part in the economy, would also have to face the problem of an increased payroll. The general dislocation which would ensue would rob the workers of much of the advantages which increased pay would give them, and all efforts to stem inflation would have been in vain.

Union Cooperation

The Government's decision to make a rise in the standard of living dependent on a rise in productivity makes sense in an economy which to a large extent is still dependent on outside assistance and can only hope to progress with higher output. What with the immense power wielded by the Histadrut, however, all these endeavours would be cancelled if the trade unions and the Government did not pull in the same direction.

Recent reports submitted to various government offices have pointed out how the general principles of increased productivity are to be translated into practice. The Stanford Report, which dealt mainly with industry, has demanded firmer and better-informed management; other investigations have cleared up several problems of efficiency in agriculture. The Productivity Institute is doing a good job of going into work processes in detail and spreading the knowledge of how to do more work with less strain. Such progress is not spectacular but it gives results, both for the workers, who learn to do their job without exhausting themselves, and for the management, which is forced out of its accustomed rut to face production and marketing problems.

Mapai has coupled its declaration on restraint from asking for higher basic wages with demands for legislative action against cartels. Research into price-fixing agreements justifies this stand. Not only must the consumer pay more for certain goods because producers force him to do so, but inefficient enterprises are kept alive, so that they and not the progressive and efficient ones determine the price of a given commodity.

It is certainly possible to devise some sort of legislation against cartels. It will, however, be difficult to work out the machinery to put it into effect. We shall probably have to try and proceed by the method of trial and error.

AUSTRALIA INTERESTED IN ISRAEL PRODUCTS

THE Australian-Israel Chamber of Commerce (P.O.B. 814 F, Melbourne.) asks for export offers, catalogues and price lists (c.i.f. Australian ports) of Israel products.

PRODUCTIVITY COURSES

The Israel Productivity Institute so far has arranged 47 courses with a total of 1,370 participants, most of whom were managers and technicians. Special courses were also given for manufacturers and for communal settlement members.

Company Report

Menorah Policy 'Cautious'

DESPITE the continuous expansion of its business, the directors' report of the "Menorah" insurance company for 1953 strikes a critical note. "In order to be able to probe the adaptability of the economy to the New Economic Policy and the stability of various branches" the company maintained a "cautious policy" regarding new business.

In the course of the year, General insurance premiums increased by 32 per cent (from IL.646,000 to IL.856,000): remaining almost stationary during the first half of 1954 because of the loss of workmen's compensation business, they rose by almost one-third in the second half. The marine insurance branch contracted by a third and local "companies regrettably failed to get a proper share in the insurance of import goods, which mostly have been brought on c.i.f. terms."

In Life Insurance, too, "business has been getting increasingly more difficult" as the continuous deterioration in monetary values creates an unfavourable climate for the promotion of savings, and "lack of clarity in the income tax law as regards benefits accruing to life policy holders... resulted in difficulties not only in acquiring new policies, but even in maintaining the existing ones." Nevertheless, the company increased its portfolio by over 25 per cent in 1954, it is learned. The report is also sceptical of Third Party insurance of employers' liabilities, which remained with private insurers, and warns of several difficult years ahead as a result of a prolonged period of anti-selection.

The balance sheet shows a great increase in insurance funds: the life assurance reserve rose from IL.184,000 to IL.302,000, the general insurance reserve from IL.72,000 to IL.109,000, and the company's capital and reserves from IL.153,000 to IL.221,000. On the assets side, however, both securities and loans declined (adding up to IL.245,000 compared with IL.271,000), mainly as a result of the decrease in mortgages. On the other hand, bills receivable and other debit balances jumped from IL.75,000 to IL.179,000. Premiums in collection rose from IL.113,000 to IL.182,000.

The aggregate loss ratio in general insurance was 53 per cent, i.e., somewhat better than in the previous year, and accounts show a profit of IL.39,000 (IL.34,000 for 1952). In the life branch, there was again a technical loss of IL.11,000 because of administrative expenses. The overall profit was IL.21,500 (IL.24,100 in 1952), of which IL.15,000 were distributed in the form of bonus shares.

The following figures summarise the company's development through recent years:

IL.000	1951	1952	1953	1954 (Estimates)
Life assurance premiums	106	141	182	200
General insurance premiums	269	646	856	1,000
Securities, loans and bills receivable	186	271	235	
Capital and reserves	96	182	294	

Meanwhile, (Cotton Board, continued above.)

CAR PREMIUMS UP

MOTOR insurance premiums increased by 38 per cent in 1953 and totalled IL.4.2m., but claims paid by insurers rose by 73 per cent and as a result the branch wound up the year again with a considerable loss IL.1.05m. (in 1952 — IL.1.22m.), Israel Insurance Association summaries show. Pending claims transferred to 1954 totalled IL.3m. The loss was particularly heavy in "act" insurance, where damages were three times as high as the premium income. As a result, a further rise in the insurance premiums is now being discussed

DENTAL WAX SHIPPED

TWO first shipments of dental wax, manufactured by Dentaria-Manasse, and worth several thousand dollars have been sent to Argentina. Another consignment will shortly be shipped to Turkey. Substantial orders are also being negotiated with Eastern European countries.

Mivtahim Provident Agreement Shelved

THE proposed agreement between "Mivtahim" provident fund and the Treasury, which was under active discussion for many months, has been shelved for the time being. According to the original plan, the fund was to loan 50 per cent or more of its annual accruals to the Treasury and the repayment was to be based on the cost-of-living index. The Government was also to participate in a pension scheme to the extent of two per cent of their wages for its day labourers. The project was considered essential in connection with the conversion of "Mivtahim" into a full-fledged pension fund, but it has been opposed by the economic institutions of the Labour sector, to which the money had been loaned hitherto.

REARMAMENT ORDERS FOR GERMANS

NEXT spring, West German industry is expected to be deeply involved in rearmament orders, and investments in several major industries, including electronics, steel alloys, aircraft, trucks and optical industries will be under way. Members of the Federal Cabinet estimate that the cost of a German army of 500,000 will amount to $3m. in the first year and double that sum in the second. The annual cost of maintaining the army will be about $2m. On the other hand, Germany will be saving most of the occupation costs she is paying at present, but as a result of increased State expenditure the danger of inflation is considered one of the major problems ahead.

The other problem is likely to be labour shortage, resulting from increased employment and the introduction of military conscription. Italian labour will probably be hired despite expected German trade union disapproval.

Meanwhile, German industrial output has reached a new peak, and a number of industries are already working at maximum capacity. In September, the production index (based on 1936), rose to 185.5, i.e. 20 points above September 1953. Further rises are expected in October and November.

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